

Needham Youth Services

Board of Director Meeting Notes

November 14, 2012

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 10/10/2012; November Department Report; Peer Tutor Training Evaluation, Needham Middle School Metro West Adolescent Health Survey, Needham High School Metro West Adolescent Healthy Survey; FY 2012 Statistical Summary; and thirteen (13) newspaper articles.

- **Accepted Minutes of 10/10/2012**

- **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2013**

Unanimous vote for Debbie Winnick for Chair and Karen Folb for Vice Chair.

- **Community Focus Discussion:**

Discussed a range of issues including the Special Town Meeting, local and state ballot questions, and a recent suicide in Needham.

- **FY 2014 Update**

Met with the Town Manager and Assistant Town Managers regarding the FY 2014 budget. The next step in the process is a meeting with the full Finance Committee in early January.

- **Programs and Services Updates**

- Update on Middle School Parenting Conference; it was very well received
- A Conversation...program update; first session went very well, next session – 12/4
- QPR Training: scheduled for 11/27
- Announcement of 2013 Forde Award Recipient: congratulations to Robert Timmerman
- VIP Program began; program was good and we are addressing some attendance issues
- Update on Peer Tutor; going well
- Update on Picture Perfect Program; also going well
- Update on Make A Statement Day; program will be held on March 8th

- **Topic Focus: “The Survey Says...”**

Discussed the Metro West Youth Behavior Survey and how this relates to the work of Needham Youth Services.

- **New/Old Business:**

- Asked the Director to follow up on “Race To Nowhere” film impact/changes to schools
- Suggestion to have all Board members participate more actively with RAY of Hope

- **Next Meeting:**

December 12, 2012 at 5:30pm at Needham Town Hall (Highland Room Meeting Room)

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	Allison Berger, Karen Folb, Justin Jones, Susan Patkin, Vin Springer, Julie Stevens, Debbie Winnick,
Members Absent:	David Bookston
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Michelle Butman
Notes By:	Jon Mattleman